



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2008

WHEREAS, during Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, we offer our deepest gratitude to the dedicated men and women of the North Dakota National Guard and Reserve and to the employers who support them in their important service to our state and nation; and


WHEREAS, the courageous men and women of the National Guard and Reserve are fighting a new and unprecedented war, having answered the call to defend our freedom and way of life, and at home, are working to protect our borders and provide vital aid and assistance in times of crisis and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated service of those who wear the uniform reflects the best of North Dakota, and all our citizens are proud to stand behind the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, our state appreciates the sacrifice of employers who support the important mission of our National Guard and Reserve personnel, and who demonstrate their patriotism by providing time off, pay, healthcare benefits, and job security to their Guard and Reserve employees, and by helping them prepare for their return to families and civilian life; and

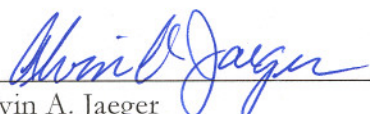
WHEREAS, North Dakota's citizens are encouraged to join me in expressing thanks to members of our National Guard and Reserve and to their civilian employers for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2008, **EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State